ASHC leader Rafael Mendoza gets national recognition

The President of the Associated Students of Hartnell College, Rafael Mendoza was surprised last week to find out that he is one of three in the country to be honored by the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE). He will receive complimentary travel to the 9th Annual HIS/Title V Best Practice Conference at University of Nevada, Las Vegas along with lodging. Rafael will be introduced in front of hundreds of attendees to share his story. In addition, a cash award of $500 comes with the award package. A number of administrators will be there as presenters and to cheer him on.

This is a prestigious recognition given to one student in an associate program (Rafael), one working towards a bachelor’s degree, and one graduate student. All three winners are from California.

“I was surprised and it feels amazing because I was selected out of so many applicants in the country,” commented Rafael. “I am honored to represent Hartnell College and hope to inspire my community to do well.”

Over 80 applicants were considered for the award but the selection committee, which is comprised of 10 members from across the county, found Rafael’s story of grit and determination worthy of such honor.

“Here you have a student who is a true leader within Hartnell College and out in the community,” said Director of Student Life, Augustine Nevarez. “He struggled through his teen years to provide for his family but in time, realized that he could do much more by having an education; he then enrolled at Hartnell.”

And on his way to transferring to a university where he plans to major in Chemical Engineering. Rafael, we are so proud of you!

Nursing Program makes Top 25 in California!

Another fine moment for our District! Hartnell College's nursing program has been ranked as one of the top 25 RN programs in all of California! The selection process consists of several factors such as, how well the program supports students toward licensure and beyond; one of the items analyzed was through the NCLEX-RN pass rate, weighed by year. Out of the 125 schools in the state, Hartnell College’s nursing program comes in at #17.
What an outstanding accomplishment! Of course this is not surprising as we have the best faculty, dean, staff, and industry partners who make Nursing and Allied Health in general such an outstanding department. Congratulations to all for your hard work and dedication to our students.

Two of our best allies, Nick Pasculli and Cathy Schlumbrecht, are honored

On January 27, 2017, the Monterey Bay Business Hall of Fame inducted two of Hartnell’s most influential supporters, Nick Pasculli and Cathy Schlumbrecht. Both Nick and Cathy serve or have served as board members for the Hartnell College Foundation and chair committees such as Party in the Library and Arts Council; thus, Hartnell College was mentioned a lot during the special introductions and in their speeches.

“They are both so deserving of the recognition; they have a genuine passion for our students and the community,” said Vice President of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz.

This event is a benefit for Junior Achievement, a program that is preparing students to be successful contributors to our global economy by providing collaborative lessons that teach critical thinking skills, work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

Trustee Candi DePauw, Foundation President, Anne Secker; Jackie Cruz; Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Celine Pinet; Director of Communication, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen; and Philanthropy Officer, Ashton Clarke were in attendance. Congratulations to both on a well-deserved honor!

Students and youth recognized at CHISPA Dinner

On January 26, 2017, CHISPA held their Annual dinner to celebrate their success, give recognition to staff and board members, recognize Community Partner of the Year (Castroville Teen Leadership Council) and to announce recipients of CHISPA’s Endowed Scholarships. The recipients are:

- Kenneth Garcia, majoring in Kinesiology at Hartnell College
- Norma Rojas, majoring in Administration of Justice at Hartnell College
- Cinthia Estrada, majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship at CSU Monterey Bay and a Hartnell Alumna

Cinthia was one of the speakers. She shared her story of struggle and academic success with the audience. The three students received scholarships totaling $2,660 for 2016/17 school year.
Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Pat Donohue attended alongside Trustee Candi DePauw, Trustee David Serena, and Hartnell students Francesca Caver, Maya Robinson, Ali Saleh, Rafael Mendoza, and Julio Perez.
Opening remarks were made by Board Chair Don Kline; Community Service Leader, Ruth Rodriguez; our own VP of Advancement and Development, Jackie Cruz; and President of CHISPA, Alfred Diaz-Infante. It was an evening to celebrate and uplift our youth and higher education.

Employees for student success – Esmeralda and Paul win exceptional rewards
Two weeks ago, management attended the Employees for Student Success – Leadership Kick Off Breakfast. This year’s goal for the campaign is to reach $100,000 in donations and 200 donors participating. During the presentation, we raffled off two items to managers who are donors to the Employees for Student Success Campaign. If a manager signed up for the first time or increased their donation, they were eligible to enter the drawing of my parking spot for a week and a nice gift basket.
The drawing happened a week ago by the committee and the big winners are:
  o Esmeralda Montenegro Owen – President’s parking spot for a week (Jan. 30 – Feb. 3)
  o Paul Casey – Gift basket with Hartnell gear, wine and more

“When I started working at Hartnell over three years ago, I wanted to give back as a president’s circle donor and signed up before anyone even approached me,” shared Esmeralda. “Now I am at the Steward level and it feels great to be in a position to help students much in the same way that many helped me pursue my own academic goals.”
If you have any questions regarding the campaign or would like to increase your gift, please contact or stop by the foundation office in E-101. Thank you all for your support of the campaign!

MESA opens its doors in a brand new place
On January 26, 2017, the Math Engineering Science Achievement Program (MESA) held their annual semester Welcome Back event. Approximately 50 MESA and STEM students, faculty, and staff broke in the new space in the STEM Center and ushered in the spring term with hot cocoa, cookies and fruit. MESA student, Jasmin Camba, welcomes the new space and resources, saying that the space is "cozy, welcoming and that everyone should come by and say hi."
Week of Welcome – students are set up for success!

On January 19, 2017, we started the spring semester with a week of welcome for new and returning students. Management volunteered once again to be stationed at the welcome tent, to help direct students to their classrooms and pass out pamphlets and brochures with information of programs, and to give information on open class sections. Athletics Marketing and Social Media Coordinator, Andrea Cervantes was present to hand out game schedules for the new athletic season and launch the new Athletics Campaign. There was a game of spin-the-wheel, in which students were able to spin for a chance to win a free t-shirt and $20 gift cards to the bookstore.

Welcome back lunch – a nice welcoming tradition

The Office of Student Life and the Associated Students of Hartnell College hosted a Welcome Back Lunch on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 in the Student Center. A savory Mexican dish was offered as it is already a tradition at the start of each term. The event was to welcome the students back for the Spring 2017 Semester; over 400 students plus Hartnell employees attended.

Panther Athletic Council Meeting

The newly formed Panther Athletic Council had its first meeting on January 25, 2017. The council currently has 10 community members as well as 5 members of the Athletics and Advancement/Foundation staff. The purpose of the group is to seek and create material, financial, and community support for Hartnell College Athletics Programs. This first meeting was well attended and had robust discussion of how to reach the goals of the council. To stay up to date on Hartnell Athletics follow the Panthers at
An Exciting Semester for Athletics!

On January 23, 2017 the Hartnell College Foundation in collaboration with the Athletics Department welcomed three new interns. Last year the Hartnell College Foundation launched a new venture in marketing for athletics. I am happy to report that since then, we have seen very positive results on our community engagement. However, we are now ready to accomplish more. The Sports Photography and Journalism Internship program kick started this January. Positions in the program will be offered every semester. For this spring, we are happy to introduce our current interns: Maya Robinson, Jaime Garcia and Enrique Pacheco. This group is led by the Marketing and Social Media Coordinator, Andrea Cervantes, all working under the leadership and supervision of Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations, Esmeralda Montenegro Owen. (Photo: Left to right, Maya Robinson, Andrea Cervantes, Enrique Pacheco and Jaime Garcia)

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Men’s Basketball looking to improve their record

On January 20, 2017 Hartnell’s Men’s Basketball hosted Cabrillo College. The Panthers put up a tremendous effort against the Seahawks. However, the Panthers were defeated by a score of 70-57. Hartnell lost student-athlete Mark Wolf to a dislocated shoulder, his absence was felt in the loss to Cabrillo. The Panthers then traveled the following Wednesday to face a league rival Monterey Peninsula College. Coach Andrew Vasher and his Panthers looked to end their 3-game losing streak, but the Panthers came up short against the Lobos and lost 97-90. Hartnell is currently 8-10 overall and 2-4 in their conference. On Wednesday February 1st, the Panthers will host Gavilan College.
The Basketball Lady Panthers face Cabrillo!

On January 25, 2017, Hartnell College Women’s basketball hosted the first home game against Cabrillo College. The Lady Panthers lead in the first to middle of the second quarter. The Lady Panthers played a good defense but the Cabrillo team fought back with a better offense, bringing them ahead of the scoreboard. The Lady Seahawks won the game 66 – 58. With minor falls, the Lady Panthers were able to dust themselves off and stand strong till the end. The Hartnell Women’s Basketball Team will host their second home game on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. against Gavilan College.

A new kiln will fire up beautiful creations

On behalf of the Fine Arts instructional team and students, we would like to invite you to a festivity to express our sincerest thanks and to celebrate the wonderful state-of-the-art ceramics kiln recently installed in our facility. The event we are “FIRED UP” about will take place in Building J, Room 102 on Friday, February 3, 2017 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to celebrate the completed installation of the new kiln. Given the outstanding reputation of Gell kilns and the efficiency, reliability and beautiful firings they are known for, we believe it will be a terrific teaching tool and we are thrilled. Here we see the staff receiving this new element in our instruction for Hartnell students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017
6:00 p.m. in B-208

The Western Stage presents
SpringFEST 2017
Letters from Cuba
February 4 and 5, 2017 in Studio Theatre
Visit westernstage.com for times and details
SAVE THE DATE!
Attesti and Galli Concert
Carmel Mission
Saturday, February 18, 2017
5:00 VIP Reception, 6:30 p.m. Piano and Organ Concert
Reserve your tickets at
https://give.hartnell.edu/concert

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Men’s hoops suffer setback in division title chase

Dons attain third straight win over Hartnell Panthers
http://lavozdeanza.com/sports/2017/01/24/dons-attain-third-straight-win-over-hartnell-panthers/